Projects for NER

1391. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes/projects in the North Eastern Region for which grants and loans have been extended by Government during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, state-wise;

(b) the progress of the schemes/projects completed or under progress; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to encourage setting up of more processing units in the North Eastern Region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) A Statement is annexed *(See* below).

(b) The projects assisted are regularly monitored so as to ensure that they are completed on time.

(c) In order to encourage setting up of more processing units in the North Eastern Region, the Plan Schemes of the Ministry provides for a higher financial assistance both in terms of percentage and in terms of financial cap. Besides the Plan Schemes, under the Technology Mission, Mini Mission IV deals with processing of horticultural produce in the North East. Under this, a higher quantum of assistance is available subject to fulfilment of certain conditions. Government of India have also exempted all food processing industries from the purview of the Central Excise. Certain concessions are also given under the Income-tax Act for NE Region.

Statement

Number of Projects Assisted in the North Eastern States

Name of State	2001-02	2002-03	Grand total
1	2	3	4
Assam	02	07	09
Manipur	11	09	20

1	2	3	4
Nagaland	01	—	01
Manipur	11	09	20
Nagaland	01	—	01
Mizoram	04	01	05
Meghalaya	03	02	05
Tripura	01	02	03
Arunachal Pradesh	—	01	01
Sikkim	01	—	01
TOTAL	23	22	45

FPIs in Uttar Pradesh

1392. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of various proposals received by Government from Uttar Pradesh Government for setting up of food processing industries in the State during each of the last three years and till date;

(b) the number of proposals cleared by Government; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) No proposal was received from Government of Uttar Pradesh for setting up of food processing industries in the State during last three years and till date. However, 62 proposals from different organizations such as Public Sector Undertakings, Non-Governmental Organizations, Private Industries etc. from U.P. were received in the same period.

(b) Out of these, 17 proposals have been approved for financial assistance under the Plan Scheme of the Ministry.